

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7991–S8047

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3678–3683, and S. Res. 616–618. **Pages S8041–42**

Measures Reported:

S. 1546, to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–249)

H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 112–250)

S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8041**

Measures Passed:

Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, to improve health care furnished by the Department, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, the committee reported title amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7994–95, S8016–18**

Murray Amendment No. 3336, to provide an offset. **Page S8017**

Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6116, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8046**

United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2045, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require

judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reside within fifty miles of the District of Columbia, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8046**

Reid (for Burr) Amendment No. 3337, of a perfecting nature. **Page S8046**

Authorize the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 616, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S8046–47**

Measures Considered:

Transaction Account Guarantee: Senate resumed consideration of S. 3637, to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8001–04**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

By 50 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained. **Pages S8003–04**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S8004**

Subsequently, the bill was committed to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs pursuant to Section 312(f) of the Congressional Budget Act. **Page S8004**

Reid Amendment No. 3314, to change the enactment date, fell when the bill was committed. **Page S8001**

Reid Amendment No. 3315 (to Amendment No. 3314), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3314 fell. **Page S8001**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3316, to change the enactment date, fell when the bill was committed. **Page S8001**

Reid Amendment No. 3317 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3316), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3316 fell.

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Reid Amendment No. 3318 (to Amendment No. 3317), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3317 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3316) fell.

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Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the bill.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Thursday, December 13, 2012, through Monday, December 17, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Olguin and Durkin Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Fernando M. Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Thomas M. Durkin, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nominations, in that order; and that no further motions be in order.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 228), Lorna G. Schofield, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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Frank Paul Geraci, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

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Messages from the House:

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Notices of Intent:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—228)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8047.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPROVING CARE FOR DUALY-ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving care for dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on a progress update, after receiving testimony from Melanie Bella, Director, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas J. Betlach, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Director, Phoenix; MaryAnne Lindeblad, Washington State Health Care Authority Director, Olympia; and John B. McCarthy, Ohio Medicaid Office of Medical Assistance Director, Columbus.

TERRORIST NETWORKS IN PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded open and closed hearings to examine terrorist networks in Pakistan and proliferation of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Michael D. Barbero, Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Department of Defense; and Jonathan Carpenter, Senior Economic Adviser, Office of the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

ATTACKS IN BENGHAZI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on attacks in Benghazi from National Security Briefers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1223, to address voluntary location